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SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF FOR CYPRUS; POLITICAL ASPECT OF
REFUGEE PROBLEM

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1. BELGIAN FONMIN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS
(DE BREUCKER) TOLD US AUGUST 21 THAT GOB HAD DECIDED TO
CONTRIBUTE ONE MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS (\$25,000) IN CASH
THROUGH ICRC FOR DISASTER RELIEF IN CYPRUS. IN ADDITION
BELGIAN RED CROSS IS MAKING CASH CONTRIBUTION OF 200,000 BF
(\$5,000) THROUGH ICRC.

2. IN SEPERATE CONVERSATION SAME DAY, FONMIN
DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN AFFAIRS (RONSE) STRESSED IMPORTANCE GOB
PLACES ON POLITICAL ASPECT OF CYPRIOT REFUGEE QUESTION, SAYING
THAT IT IS VITAL TO TREAT PROBLEM AS TEMPORARY PHENOMENON AND
NOT ALLOW STATUS QUO TO HARDEN INTO LONG-TERM SITUATION WHICH
COULD GIVE RISE TO PALISTENIAN-LIKE IRREDENTISM. THUS, AFTER
ASSURING THAT SHORT-TERM NEEDS OF REFUGEES ARE MET, EMPHASIS
MUST BE PLACED ON SWIFTLY FINDING WAY TO RETURN THEM TO THEIR
HOME AREAS.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS VIEW, RONSE SAID, GOB SENT MESSAGE
AUGUST 21 URGING GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO STATE PUBLICLY ITS
POLICY ON STATUS OF REFUGEES AND ON GREEK CYPRIOTS IN AREAS
UNDER TURKISH CONTROL. MESSAGE MAKES THIS POINT AFTER STATING
BELGIAN VIEW THAT A) RESTRAINT MUST BE EXERCISED IN CYPRUS SO
NEGOTIATION, FOR WHICH TURKS NOW HOLD TRUMP CARDS, CAN BE
RESUMED AND B) IT IS IN TURKISH INTEREST FOR KARAMANLIS GOVERN-
MENT AND NATO NOT TO BE FURTHER WEAKENED BY EVENTS IN CYPRUS.

4. WE REVIEWED FOR FONMIN OFFICIALS US EFFORTS FOR DISASTER
RELIEF IN CYPRUS, INCLUDING CASH GRANT OF \$500,000 ANNOUNCED
AUGUST 20, AND REITERATED NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION BY OTHER
DONORS. WE AGREED THAT SOLUTION TO POLITICAL
QUESTIONS REGARDING FUTURE OF REFUGEES MUST BE QUICKLY
FOUND BUT POINTED OUT THAT IN MEANTIME URGENT ACTION IS REQUIRED
TO ASSIST SOME 100,000 NEEDY PEOPLE DISPLACED FROM THEIR
HOMES. RENNER

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